



### **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast**

**Monday, May 23rd**

Please help us show our incredible ECEP teachers just how much we appreciate them! Please click [here](#) to sign up to bring something for the breakfast. Call Natalie in the office at #(843) 795-4072 if you have questions or would like her to sign you up. Thank you!

### **Sanctuary Flower Sign Up**

We have a number of available dates. Please take a look and sign up [here](#). Remember to include your dedication when you sign up. You may bring your own flowers or select one of the silk arrangements (see the document in the Sign Up Genius for details).



### **SHARE MY JOY (From The Upper Room Daily Devotional)**

**Luke 15:8-10**

“Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won’t light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life.”

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." - Romans 12:15 (NRSV)

The woman in Jesus' parable was so happy to find her lost coin that she had to tell her neighbors. I felt like I could relate to her joy. After I won custody of my children, I moved to a new town to start a new job doing what I loved. I wanted to celebrate my joy at this new beginning.

As I began looking for a church home in my new town, however, every sermon I heard was about how Christ comforts us in our troubles and the church is there for us in our sorrows. I knew that, but I also wanted to hear the message that the church cared about my happiness. It was frustrating to want to share joy when all I encountered was sympathy. When one pastor happened to mention that God cares about our joy as well as our sorrows, I returned to that church.

There had been sad times before in my life and there have been others since then, but at that time, I needed to know that God and the church were rejoicing with me. I have resolved to be more sensitive to what is going on in others' lives so that if someone is sad I can empathize; and if someone is happy, I can rejoice with them. When we pay attention to others' feelings, we can build a community that is present and supportive in all circumstances. We all need to know we are not alone, no matter what.

### **TODAY'S PRAYER**

Dear Lord, you have created us for each other. Help us to rejoice with those who are happy just as we weep with those who are sad. Amen.

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### **Chapel with Pastor Rusty**

Wednesday morning Chapel brings song, guitar and dance to our ECEP children!



*"Every step I take, I take in you,  
You make me move, (Jesus)  
Every breath I take I breathe in you  
Every move I make, I make in you,  
You are my way (Jesus)  
Every breath I take I breathe in you.*

*Waves of mercy Waves of grace  
Everywhere I look I see your face  
Your love has captured me  
Oh my God, this love, how can it be?  
Na, Na Na Na Na Na Na  
Na Na Na, Na Na Na Na Na Na."*



We have two spots left (a soup and a casserole) for the June Hope Lodge meal! Please click [here](#) to sign up. Thank you!

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### **Acoustic JAM Session**

**Sunday, May 22nd**

2-4:00 p.m.

Join us for the next JAM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.



### **Showers Work Day**

Saturday, May 28th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (or earlier)

Help us get ready for the Youth Group by cleaning the showers!



Lucille Royall (5/14)  
Laura Rollins (5/18)  
John Gamble (5/21)  
Anita Sloane (5/23)  
Kathleen Greenhill (5/23)  
Kevin Hyams (5/25)  
Hugh Donnan (5/27)  
Cathy Chihocky (5/28)  
Jennifer Harriett (5/30)

### **Special Events:**

May 22nd 2-4:00 p.m. JAM Session  
June 11th 11:00 a.m. Party at the Pastor's  
June 12 - 17th Hosting NC Youth Mission Group  
June 25 - July 1st Mission Trip to Appalachia  
September 18th 9:30 a.m. - Worship in the Park

### **Weekly:**

James Island Outreach food delivery

### **Monthly:**

Lunch Bunch (first Tuesday)  
Presbyterian Women Morning Circle (third Tuesday)  
Prayer Group (third Thursday starting in April)  
Book Club (third Sunday)

